

KENNETH HARRY DAHLBERG

The Miami office in reviewing the account maintained by Bernard L. Barker at the Republic National Bank, Miami, determined that on April 21, 1972, Barker presented a check in the amount of \$25,000 which was payable to Kenneth H. Dahlberg and requested cash. The banker contacted the First Bank and Trust Company of Boca Raton, Florida, on which the check was drawn and was advised that the check was "as good as gold" and there was no reason not to cash the check for Barker.

Mr. Dahlberg is a wealthy resident of Wayzata, Minnesota, who maintains a winter home in Boca Raton. He is Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dahlberg Electronics, Inc., Golden Valley, Minnesota, and is part owner of Bonner A. G. Company, Zurich, Switzerland. This firm, like Dahlberg Electronics, Inc., manufactures hearing aids.

In December 1969, at the request of the White House, the FBI conducted a full-field special inquiry investigation concerning Mr. Dahlberg. The results were generally favorable although information was obtained that on August 14, 1953, he was involved in a serious automobile accident in which his car struck from the rear a small station wagon containing four teenage boys, all of whom died as a result of the accident. The Chief of Police who investigated the accident stated he felt Mr. Dahlberg was at fault and should have been criminally charged in connection with the accident as he was driving while intoxicated. The local grand jury, however, returned a "no bill." On September 11, 1953, Mr. Dahlberg pled guilty to "careless driving and driving without a license in possession." He was fined a total of \$110.

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As of January 2, 1970, Mr. Dahlberg, who has been active in the affairs of the Republican Party in the Mid-west for several years, was Chairman of the Central and Plains States Region of the Republican National Finance Committee.

On June 23, 1972, attempts were made by the Minneapolis FBI office to contact Mr. Dahlberg concerning the \$25,000 check. The Special Agents (SAs) were informed that Mr. Dahlberg was not available when the first efforts were made to contact him but that he would promptly contact the Minneapolis FBI office. He did not do so and later in the day the SAs were informed Mr. Dahlberg had left Minneapolis en route to Buffalo, New York, by way of Washington, D. C. On June 24, 1972, efforts were made by the Buffalo FBI office to interview Mr. Dahlberg but he declined to be interviewed stating he would contact the Minneapolis office with his attorney on June 26, 1972. On June 26, 1972, Mr. Dahlberg declined to be interviewed on the advice of his attorney but refused to identify the attorney who had given him this advice.

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